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## Preface

It is our pleasure to present a Special Issue of *Discrete Mathematics* devoted to combinatorics. This special issue includes the papers presented to the 2002 Korea–Hungary Joint Workshop on Combinatorics and the ensuing Com<sup>2</sup>MaC Conference on Graphs and Combinatorics held at the Combinatorial and Computational Mathematics Center (Com<sup>2</sup>MaC), Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), South Korea, during 5–10 July, 2002.

The workshop purposed to bring together the top minds in combinatorics and related areas from Hungary and South Korea, and to present and discuss their recent achievements. It was organized by Ervin Győri and Miklós Simonovits from Alfréd Rényi Institute of Hungary and Jin Ho Kwak and Sang-Gu Lee from Com<sup>2</sup>MaC of South Korea. We would like to give our sincere gratitude to the organizers for their support and professional guidance. We would also like to acknowledge the Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation in the Ministry of Science and Technology of Korea for their generous financial support.

The conference was part of the major effort of Com<sup>2</sup>MaC to promote and support high-quality research within the fields of combinatorial and computational mathematics. It was organized by Han Hyuk Cho, Suh-Ryung Kim from Seoul National University, and Jaean Lee from Yeungnam University in South Korea. We would like to thank the organizers for their enormous support and effort. We would also like to thank the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation, the Ministry of Science and Technology of Korea, and Pohang University of Science and Technology for their financial support.

This Special Issue of *Discrete Mathematics* devoted to combinatorics comprises the variegated topics discussed in the workshop and the conference, which include coding theory, combinatorial geometry, algebraic and topological graph theory, random graph theory, matrix theory, and matroid theory. The conference and the workshop attracted over 85 participants from 9 different countries. Their devoted support and encouragement contributed immensely toward the great success of both meetings.

Finally, we extend our thanks to the authors of the contributed papers and the anonymous referees for their valuable contributions.

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